

## **Alstom's Dandenong site in Victoria, Australia celebrates 70 years of manufacturing**

- **The Dandenong manufacturing facility's 70th anniversary highlights the growth of the Australian manufacturing industry**
- **Over 600 trams and over 800 trains have been produced for Australia, many of which are still in service.**
- **The site plays a crucial role in employing over 500 direct jobs and up to 1,900 more jobs across the Australian rail industry.**

**22 November 2024** – Alstom, a global leader in smart and sustainable mobility, is celebrating the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its Dandenong facility in Victoria, Australia. The site, which employs over 500 people and spans approximately 19 hectares, is one of the largest and most advanced rail manufacturing facilities in Australia.

The Australian rail manufacturing industry has seen significant growth in recent decades, driven by increasing investments in public transport, urban development, and regional rail infrastructure. As Australia's leading rail manufacturer, Alstom has rapidly expanded its operations, focusing substantial investments on the Dandenong site, its largest manufacturing facility, along with the Ballarat site in regional Victoria and several other facilities nationwide.

"Victoria is the home of rail manufacturing in Australia, and Alstom's Dandenong site is central to this legacy," said Pascal Dupond, Managing Director of Alstom Australia and New Zealand.

"Our contribution to Victoria's public transport network is made possible by the skills, expertise, and dedication of our team in Australia. We are proud to continue this deep partnership with the State to deliver world-class trams and trains," he concluded.

### **70 years of history**

The Alstom Dandenong site has a rich history in Australia's rail manufacturing, dating back to the 1950s. Originally part of the Commonwealth Engineering (Comeng), the facility quickly became one of Victoria's key sites for building trains, trams, and other rolling stock. Over the decades, the Dandenong plant contributed to the development of iconic Australian rail vehicles, including suburban trains, freight wagons, and trams that have served cities such as Melbourne.

In the 1990s, the site experienced several ownership changes, reflecting shifts in the global rail industry. Under Alstom's leadership, the Dandenong site became a cornerstone of Australian rail manufacturing, producing modern trains and trams tailored to local needs.

Today, Alstom is a key partner in delivering Australia's major rolling stock projects including:

- 100 Next Generation G Class Trams
- 25 X'Trapolis 2.0 metro trains

- The ongoing production of 124 VLocity trains, which Alstom has been building since 2003.

<p>The Dandenong site has been instrumental in building Melbourne’s iconic trains and trams over the years, including the “Blue” suburban Harris Trains, Comeng Fleet, Z, A, and B Class trams, E Class trams and regional VLocity fleet.</p>	
<p><b>Trains</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 110 Harris Trains</li> <li>• 180 <a href="#">Comeng EMU sets</a><sup>[2]</sup></li> <li>• 109 <a href="#">V/Line VLocity sets</a><sup>[13]</sup></li> </ul>	<p><b>Trams</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 230 <a href="#">Z Class Melbourne trams</a><sup>[15]</sup></li> <li>• 70 <a href="#">A Class Melbourne trams</a><sup>[15]</sup></li> <li>• 132 <a href="#">B Class Melbourne trams</a><sup>[15]</sup></li> <li>• 100 <a href="#">E Class Melbourne trams</a><sup>[16]</sup></li> </ul>

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Alstom commits to contribute to a low carbon future by developing and promoting innovative and sustainable transportation solutions that people enjoy riding. From high-speed trains, metros, monorails, trams, to turnkey systems, services, infrastructure, signalling and digital mobility, Alstom offers its diverse customers the broadest portfolio in the industry. With its presence in 64 countries and a talent base of over 84,700 people from 184 nationalities, the company focuses its design, innovation, and project management skills to where mobility solutions are needed most. Listed in France, Alstom generated revenues of €17.6 billion for the fiscal year ending on 31 March 2024. For more information, please visit [www.alstom.com](http://www.alstom.com).

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